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## CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

#### **TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application. Filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/382,438	
Filing Date	August 25, 1999	
First Named Inventor	Gardner et al.	
Group Art Unit	2665	
Examiner Name	D.J. Rymin	
Attorney Docket Number	990482	

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